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WHereas *John Pennyman* of late did bring or cauſe to be brought unto the Exchange, in *London*, ſeveral Books and Writings, and amongſt others the holy SCRIPTURES of Truth, which teſtifie of Chriſt, with other Writings and Teſtimonies recorded of the holy Servants of God, and Martyrs of Jeſus; with intention to deſtroy and burn the ſame (as by his outward Actions and Expreſſions might juſtly be judged and ſuſpected.) Now we the People of the Lord (called *Quakers*) do declare unto all People, That we do utterly diſown and teſtifie againſt that Action, of the ſaid *John Pennymans*, touching the ſaid Books and Writings (ſo far as he had any Intention, or did give juſt cauſe of Jealouſie or Suſpition of ſuch Intention, to deſtroy and burn the ſame) and that he therein was inſtigated by the Devil, what ever otherwiſe his pretences, are or might be; even that ſpirit that ruled in thoſe, who in the dayes paſt crucified Chriſt, and perſecuted and ſhed the Blood of his Holy Servants, Prophets, and Martyrs; and in endeavouring to Burn and Deſtroy their Writings, manifeſts that it would do the ſame things now, if it had the ſame Power. And we do further declare and teſtifie, That we dearly and truly own the holy Scriptures, before mentioned, given by inſpiration, as a true and infallible Teſtimony of Chriſt, ſpoken forth by his own Spirit, (which is our Guide and Leader) and that they are written for our learning; and the Writings and Teſtimonies of, and concerning the Lord's faithful Servants, and Martyrs is a good ſavour to us, and their memorial is bleſſed forever. And we further declare and teſtifie, That we have no union nor fellowſhip with the ſaid *John Pennyman*, nor that ſpirit that now rules in him, he being departed from that pure, meek, holy Spirit, which ſometimes he had ſome knowledge of: And that he hath given juſt cauſe (before the ſaid Action, and ſince alſo) of jealouſie and fear, that he is in meaſure broken and diſcompoſed in his Mind and Underſtanding; nor can he have any union or fellowſhip with us, until he ſhall publickly condemn this Action of Folly and Wickedneſs committed by him, and give a full Teſtimony of his unfained Repentance for the ſame. And we alſo teſtifie, That if any Perſon whatſoever ſhall Act or Speak any thing that is evil, under pretence of a Motion from the Spirit of God, we utterly deny that Motion to be of God; for the Holy Spirit of God never did, nor never will move to that which is evil; and all evil is of the Devil. And this we have thought fit thus publickly to declare, for the vindication of Truth, and the Lord's People, who profeſs and enjoy it, that the Innocency of the Upright may be cleared and manifeſted, and all Iniquity and Unrighteouſneſs judged and condemned, and God and his pure, holy Truth exalted, over all Unclean, Dark, Deluded, Arrogant, and Imaginary ſpirits whatſoever.

*Given forth the* 10th *day of the Moneth called* Auguſt, 1670.
*By us, Who are in ſcorn called* Quakers.

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